


Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

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TO: All MCFRS Personnel
FROM: Fire Chief Scott E. Goldstein 
SUBJECT: Paramedic Chase Unit (Chase Car) Staffing

Given the inherent demands of operating Paramedic Chase Units (PCUs), MCFRS must establish minimum requirements for staffing. While it is permissible to staff a PCU with a single provider, it is safer and preferred for PCU's to be staffed with two personnel who meet the requirements below. Adding a second provider to a PCU should be prioritized above staffing other apparatus above normal daily staffing levels (i.e., before adding a 5th person on an engine or a 4th person on a truck or rescue squad).

When a PCU is operating as a two-person unit:

- One provider must be an MCFRS credentialed ALS provider who is at least the rank of Firefighter/Rescuer I or EMS Provider I; **and**
- One provider must be an MCFRS member who is at least the rank of Firefighter/Rescuer Recruit or EMS Provider Recruit; and
- One of the two providers must be a certified emergency driver

When a PCU is operating as a single-person unit the provider must be an MCFRS credentialed ALS provider who is at least a Firefighter/Rescuer I or EMS Provider I and has at least three full years of operational experience with MCFRS.

When a single-person PCU, like any other single-person resource, arrives first on the scene of an incident, they must engage in a risk assessment and use that assessment to take appropriate actions that are deliberate, defensible, and communicated.

Questions may be directed to the EMIHS Section Chief